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94th reaches out to Korean counterparts during luncheon

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On 17 December, the leadership of the 94th Military Police Battalion "Polar Bears", hosted leaders from the Republic of Korea Capital Defense Corps and other habitual ROK commands at the Yongsan South Post Embassy Club.

The event was a special opportunity to bring together US and ROK leaders to reaffirm their strong commitment to each other and celebrate the holidays. Nearly 40 officers and senior noncommissioned officers gathered for lunch, video presentations, and a gift exchange.

The social began with opening remarks from the 94th MP Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Scott A. Jones, welcoming everyone.

Jones thanked the ROK guests for their continued commitment to preserving the

peace, improving US-ROK interoperability and readiness, and their direct support in strengthening the U.S.-ROK alliance. He then introduced the 8th Military Police Brigade Commander, Col.

Peter M. Champagne.

Champagne complimented the efforts of the 94th and the ROK leadership for their

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Lt. Col. Scott A. Jones, 94th MP Bn commander, presents members of the Capital Defense Corps a plaque of appreciation

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Col. Kim, Deok-gon, Republic of Korea Army Support Group commander, speaks about the continuous efforts the 94th MP Battalion brings to the U.S.-ROK alliance

exceptionally strong bond and relationship. He went on to applaud the efforts of the commander of the ROKA Support Group, Col. Kim, Deok-jon, in supporting US MP operations and facilitating US-ROK coordination.

Kim followed Cham-



Both U.S. and Korean Soldiers were able to enjoy a variety of American and Korean delicacies during the buffet-style luncheon

pagne's remarks with equal praise, noting the tremendous progress the brigade has made and the programs it has implemented.

Champagne's "lead from the front" mentality is reflected in all the brigade has accomplished and is a true testament to the warrior spirit of the "Watchdogs," stated Kim.

After the opening remarks were completed, guests

The Korean snack Kimbab was a big hit with both U.S. and ROK Soldiers



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were entertained with a short video presentation conducted by the 94th, after which they moved into the Embassy Club foyer for photos and gift-exchange.

With warm smiles and more kind words, the group moved back to their seats to enjoy an enormous buffet luncheon.

The event concluded with additional gifts presented by the ROK guests to Jones and his staff and final closing remarks from the leaders. All of the participants remarked that the social clearly highlighted the remarkable relationship and camaraderie that existed between the two nations and the continued commitment between the US military police and its Korean counterparts.



Command Sgt. Maj. Melanie S. Mapuoletuli, 94th MP Bn command sergeant major, is presented with a gift during the luncheon



94헌병 대대의 한국군 점심 초대

Translation to Hangul by Cpl. Min, Kyung Nam

지난 12월 17일, 94대대의 지휘관들은 한국 수도 방위 사령부와 32 사단 지휘관들을 용산의 Embassy 클럽으로 초청하였다.

이번 이벤트는 한-미 지휘관들이 한 자리에 모여 다시 한 번 그들의 동맹 관계를 확인하고 휴일을 축하하는 자리였다. 대략 40명의 장교들과 부사관들이 모여 점심 식사와 비디오 강연 그리고 선물 교환식

을 가졌다.

이벤트는 94 헌병 대대의 대대장인 Jones 중령의 축사로 시작되었다.

Jones 중령은 평화를 위한 노력, 한-미 동맹 강화 그리고 직접적인 지원을 해 준 한국군 장교들에게 감사의 뜻을 전했다. 다음으로 그는 8헌병 여단장인 Champagne 대령을 소개하였다.

Champagne 대령은 94대대와 대한민국 지휘관들의 한미 친선 증진 노력에 감사의 뜻을 전했다. 또 그는 헌병 작전과 한-미 계획을 도와준 한국군 지원 단장인 김덕곤 대령에게도 감사의 뜻을 표명했다..

김덕곤 단장은 Cham-

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pagne 대령에 이어 여단의 발전과 새로 시작된 프로그램을 언급하고 찬사를 보냈다. 여단장은 "Watchdog"의 정신이 무엇인지 보여주고 몸소 실천하였다.

첫 축사가 끝난 후, 방문객들은 94 대대가 만든 짧은 비디오 강연을 듣고, 자리를 옮겨 기념 촬영과 선물 교환식을 가졌다.

그들은 얼굴에는 미소로 입에는 따뜻한 말로 점심 부페를 자리에서 즐겼다.

행사는 한국군 측에서 Jones 중령과 그의 스텝들에게 또 하나의 기념품을 증정하고 양측 지



Col. Peter M. Champagne, 8th MP Bde commander, along with the 94th MP Battalion leadership pose for a group photo with Korean Members at the Embassy Club

휘관들의 폐막 축사로 막을 내렸다. 아 이번 이벤트의 하이라이트는 양 모든 참가자들은 하나 같이 입을 모 국의 강한 동맹과 미 헌병과 한국군

CULTURAL NOTE: Did you Know ...

That Koreans celebrate the Lunar New Year. This year it is on January 22nd. On this day the year of the Monkey begins. Seol is, along with "Chusok", one of the two most important holidays in Korea.

728th shares holiday cheer with orphanage

Story, photos by 1st Lt. Regina Salas

The holidays is not only about candy and presents it is also a time to reach out and help those who are less fortunate by giving back in the spirit of the Christmas.

For an orphanage in Taegu, this time of year can sometimes be difficult because most of the children in the orphanage home suffer from either mental and physical disabilities and do not have family members to celebrate the holidays with.

Workers of the orphanage sometimes depend on volunteers to answer the call in order to bring the joy of the season to the eyes and ears of these young ones.

So Soldiers of the 728th Military Police "Warfighters" Battalion did just that when 55 soldiers came to the home to offer their love and time to brighten the lives of these children on Dec 16.

Upon arriving at the orphanage, Soldiers split into groups to give equal attention to each child. Throughout the day



Soldiers from the 728th Military Police Battalion gather for a group photo outside the orphanage

the sounds of laughter echoed through the halls as both Soldiers and children enjoyed a day of playing games, eating many treats, and just enjoying each other's company. The Christmas cheer was also shared by singing Christmas



The softer side of the "Warfighter", singing Christmas carols to young children

carols, handing out gifts such as blankets and toys. This event was as rewarding and fulfilling to the Soldiers as it was for the children. Sgt. John Huffman, 188th Military Police Company said, "It felt really good to see their eyes brighten up and a smile come across their face when we walked into the room."

Pvt. Meghan McGraw commented, "I will never forget this experience."

For everyone, it was a reminder that love is cherished regardless of what time of the year it is. This is an event that is sure to be repeated throughout the year.

The 94th MP Battalion sponsors Orphanage Christmas

By the 8th Military Police Brigade Public Affairs Office

On 22 December, soldiers from the 94th Military Police Battalion sponsored the Namsan Children's Home as part of an ongoing effort to extend fellowship and goodwill to our Korean neighbors and bring some holiday cheer to those less fortunate.

The event was inspired by the 94th MP Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Scott A. Jones, under whose leadership truck-loads of individually-wrapped gifts were collected, boxes of food and canned goods donated, and first-class entertainment for the children and staff of this local orphanage arranged.

Maj. Mark Finley, who put the "legs on the event", Chaplain Robert E. Marsi, Command Sgt. Maj. Melanie S. Mapuoletuli, and Sgt. Maj. Clayton W. Frenette were among the key coordinators for this special event.

Mapuoletuli specifically identified the needs of the children and the orphanage staff early on. She then forwarded these needs to the companies for unit level collection and volunteer work. Soldiers from all units gathered canned goods and toys for the children. It was truly a battalion-wide effort.

Namsan Children's Home is located atop Namsan Mountain, situated approximately 20 minutes from Yongsan Main Post. The facility was identified earlier this year by the Battalion Chaplain and this event marked the first of what promises to be many



Photo by Capt. Joseph Peterson

Capt. Gary Spivey, 249th MP Co commander, is one of many who delivered present to children of the orphanage

more warm get-togethers.

Preparation for the party began earlier that afternoon with the delivery of the wrapped presents and food donations.

Jones, along with key battalion staff members and leadership, were welcomed by the orphanage's headmaster, Ms. Seo, Jung-Ja. With broad smiles and heart-felt appreciation, Seo accepted the gifts and stood with the MPs as group photos were taken and the facility set up for the party that would follow that evening.

The party itself began several hours later, following dinner preparation by the 94th and orphanage staff. Turkey, ham, and all the trimmings and side dishes were served up for the children, followed by warm pumpkin pie for desert.

After dinner, the participants moved into the adjoining classroom to listen to the smooth, entertaining sounds from the 8th United States Army Band saxophone quartet. With caroling and accompaniment from the orphanage's own musicians, the evening was already a marked success.

When asked about the band and the mu-



Photo by 94th MP Bn

Chow Time....Dinner is served for all!

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sic, one small child said simply, "They rocked!"

Shortly thereafter, the formal entertainment gave way to the most anticipated portion of the evening, the gift-giving.

Led by Chaplain Marsi and the orphanage staff, gifts were handed out individually to each of the children. Then, as the gifts were opened, soldiers and children alike grouped together to play and enjoy each other's company.

The event concluded with Jones presenting coins to both the 8th Army quartet and the Namsan Children's Home Band.

The battalion participants received numerous handshakes, hugs, and words of thanks.

"It was so great! We are so thankful to the 94th Military Police Battalion," said a smiling Seo. "The children had so much fun. I wish our relationship with the 94th MP Battalion continues for many years."

The orphanage party was a tremendous success, demonstrating the true spirit of the holidays and the sincerity of those that helped put it



Photo by Capt. Joseph Peterson

Soldiers from the 94th MP Battalion pose with Ms. Seo and her staff

PICTURE OF THE WEEK

Photo by Sgt. Kang, Byung-sam

Congrats!



Col. Kim, Deok-gon, Republic of Korea Army support group commander, awards a letter of commendation to Lt. Col. Steven Crowe, the 728th Military Police Battalion commander, whose unit was selected as the distinguished unit in ROKA Support Group's comprehensive combat capacity evaluation 2003.

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